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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

### WILLIAM TRUAX.

William Truax passed peacefully away at the old home place in Belfast township, Saturday, August 11, 1917, aged 78 years, 9 months, and 19 days. While he had been in declining health incident to advanced age for some time, he was in his usual health last Saturday morning, and conversed freely with the family and neighbors, and did little chores about the place as usual. Later he suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion which grew worse until the end came.

Mr. Truax was twice married. The first time to Marthe Steckman on the 1st of June 1864. To this union were born 6 children, namely, George, Hansou, Albert, Andrew, John and Ettie, only two of whom are living: John, on the home place, and Ettie Chaney in West Virginia.

His second wife was Martha Divil, who survives. Two children, Russell and Maggie were born to this union, but both died in childhood. The deceased is also survived by one brother, William, of Whips Cove. More than thirty years ago he joined the Christian church and has lived a consistent life. Interment was made at Pleasant Grove.

### HENRY CLAY FOST.

Henry C. Fost, one of Bethel township's highly esteemed citizens passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs. Bertie Heller Hancock, on Sunday morning, August 12, 1917, aged about 78 years. The funeral took place Tuesday, and interment was made in the cemetery at Warfordsburg.

The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War and a good citizen. His wife died about nine years ago. He is survived, by the following children: Miss Estelle, a trained nurse; Bertie, wife of Allen Heller, Hancock; Frank T. Fost, farmer living in Bethel township; Edward, Nina, and Jack at Lonaconing. Two sons, Charles and William are dead.

### Harvest Home Picnic.

The annual harvest home picnic in the Cove is looked forward with delightful anticipation, and the event in Sloan's woods Friday was no exception to the pleasant occasions of other years. The weather was fine and several hundred people assembled. Of course, the dinner on the spreading branches of the old oaks was not the least interesting of the many pleasures. The band furnished excellent music, and the speaker made it worth while to sit up and take notice. Mr. C. M. Ray presided, and performed his work well. The election of officers for the year resulted in placing the responsibility for a good time on A. Gomerer, W. M. Kendall, Albert D. Fry, Walter Johnston, Harry Nesbit and Roy M. Kendall.

Due to war interference accustomed practices by both of the disturbance of both of things to sell and to be purchased, knotty questions confront the farmer to may out economical.

Some points that were raised at the picnic were the lack of pasture questions will it pay to fatten cattle in the market when the feed can be had at high prices? Shall we pasture our land or shall we sell all possible growth to the proper humus supply soil?

It seems to be understood that the answer can be given to those who ask questions. The farmers present exactly conditions. This is why farm education is so important to-day. Each man determine his own needs, and a certain course has been

## FIFTY-EIGHT DISCHARGED.

Local Exemption Board Concluded Their Work of Examinations on Friday of Last Week.

The local exemption board, composed of Sheriff Job L. Garland, President of board of County Commissioners Frank M. Lodge, and County Health Officer Dr. J. W. Mosser, put in five strenuous days last week, in examining and passing upon the physical liability of those called to the military service of the United States. It is a job that came to them, and a responsibility that few would care to assume. The board acted conscientiously, and if mistakes were made, they were of the head and not of the heart.

Of the 146 examined, the following were exempted or discharged within the meaning of the rules and regulations prescribed by the President the Act of Congress approved May 18, 1917. It may be well enough to add here by way of information, that this discharge is not absolute, as the rules fixing the standard has been changed so frequently that some of those exempted may be recalled. For instance: By the first instruction it was necessary for a man to have two opposing molars on each side. After several had been discharged on this ground, it was ruled that two on one side would do, and then it was reduced to one so, it will not be sure of exemption from service sometime in the future.

Members of religious sects opposed to war, conscientious objectors and all others fighting conscription will be sent to national army cantonments regardless of their creeds. Once arrived at camp they will be put to work at tasks other than drilling and preparing for fighting.

The names of those discharged last week are as follows: Morgan W. Gordon, Ira B. Lake, Jesse B. McClain, Lloyd Price, Baltzer D. Mellott, Samuel O. Layton, Riley C. Peck, Martin A. Sipes, Michael S. W. Henry, Russell Deavor, Russell Stevens, Eugene H. Spriggs, Cyrus Johnson, Harry A. Comerer, Lewis D. Wible, Chas. A. Manning, Harrison M. Shafer, Wm. W. Mellott, H. Eugene Chesnut, Harry T. Kline, Ralph C. Mellott, George Mellott, Walter R. Gordon, John W. Layton, Howard Fisher, Hezekiah Summers, Ward Barnhart, John C. Cooper, David H. Stevens, Wm. A. Golden, Howard A. Miller, Oscar H. Lashley, Orville Mellott, Elmer V. Mellott, Scott Carmack, Clarence P. Kelso, Ernest R. Sprowl, Elmer Reed Bivens, David T. Woodcock, Rexie C. Hess, Benj. C. Miley, John W. Palmer, Chas. E. Kline, Chas. G. Sheffield, Wm. N. Fegley, Lloyd Kline, Stanley Quay Mellott, Carey F. Carlson, Roy R. Laidig, Ira Mellott, John D. Shaw, M. L. Fleming, R. W. Weller, Roy Black, Jere Knepper, Francis E. Barber, Ira Mellott, James E. Bishop.

### Deshong--Mellott.

William Henry Harrison Deshong, near Harrisonville, and Miss Celia Mellott, near Sipes Mills, were married on Sunday, July 29, 1917 at the residence of the officiating minister, J. C. Garland.

Preparations for floating a second liberty loan some time this fall have been made—probably about September 15th.

found best for a farm, it will be safe in the long run to continue in that course, regardless of the temporary disturbance of the war. If cattle have been necessary for the maintenance of efficiency of the farm, keep up the practice and risk the chances of "coming out square" on them. The owner will have the satisfaction at the close of the war, that he has not lowered the standard of productiveness of his land.

## ANOTHER YEARS WORK.

County Superintendent Thomas's Annual Report to the Department of Public Instruction.

In summarizing the work of the past school year, I find that substantial improvement has been made along a number of lines, and this carries with it pleasant memories of duties performed, although in the performance of these duties the task may have been in some cases an unpleasant one.

During the entire three years of my administration, the greatest difficulty has been to get a sufficient number of teachers of good intellectual qualifications. I have passed each year barely enough applicants to fill the school; and, notwithstanding this fact, I still had to issue some weak certificates. In order to obviate this difficulty, to hold our young people in the schools, and thus to increase their intellectual qualifications, I have instituted a series of examinations for the advanced pupils, given at regular intervals during the entire term. This seems to be eliminating the above named difficulty. I now have our schools filled for the ensuing year with a higher grade material than any of the three preceding years; and not only do I not need to search for material to fill vacancies this year as in previous years, but I have a number of well qualified teachers left without schools.

I wish to thank the teachers of the county for their effort to hold our young people in the schools, and for encouraging them to take these examinations. By so doing, teachers are conferring upon these young people a lasting benefit and also greatly increasing the educational interests of our county.

Notwithstanding the fact that the corps of teachers elected for the ensuing year is the strongest yet elected under my supervision, I recognize room for improvement. Under existing high prices for everything purchased, a good corps of teacher cannot be kept at the present salaries. Some of the districts seem to be doing about all they can in the way of taxation. The school code imposes upon the districts certain requirements, such as length of school term, building specifications teachers salaries, etc. These must be complied with. The executive authority compels the districts to comply with these legal requirements; therefore, the legislative authority should come to the assistance of over-taxed districts with greater appropriations.

The activity of directors in the different districts shows evidence of interest in school work. Sometimes there is a tendency to criticize and condemn the activities of public officials in the performance of their duties. This has a tendency to handicap officials and to prevent progressive movements dependent upon the initiative by them. Notwithstanding these obstacles, the school directors have done much to make the work of the schools more effective.

The school board of Belfast district has built a modern up-to-date one-room building. The directors of this district deserve much credit for this progressive and much needed improvement. The school board of Taylor district has built a fine one-room building at Hustontown and has fitted it up with modern furniture. This building also reflects great credit upon the board of directors of this district. There are some old wornout buildings in the county that should be replaced by new ones of the above type.

As parents, we try to provide comfortable cozy homes for our children, but here our parental anxiety seems to end. We seem to be satisfied for our children to sit six hours a day for five days in the week and, at least, seven months in the year, in an old

## Red Cross Work.

With each week the interest in Red Cross work is increasing. As fast as people become acquainted with its objects to alleviate suffering and care for those in distress whether in war or in peace, they are anxious to have a part in the work.

The following annual members have been added to Fulton Chapter since our publication day last week: Mrs. D. H. Fore, Mrs. Geo. Mock, Enoch Kerlin, Norman J. Kerlin, Mrs. C. E. Gobin, Rush Wagoner, Mrs. John H. Vancleave, Mrs. Amanda Cromer, Etta M. Snyder, Mrs. Cloyd Kerlin, Harvey L. Barmont, C. E. Barmont, Nell Barmont, Rhene Barmont, Newton J. Bard, Geo. W. Wagoner, John Kelso, Ethel Kendall, Mrs. Ralph Glenn, Viola E. Glenn, Mrs. Rowe Mellott, George A. Buterbaugh, D. E. Crouse, Mrs. Kate A. Patterson, Mrs. Fannie Johnston, Walter H. Johnston, Mrs. Geo. W. Humbert, Mrs. John Carbaugh, Mrs. Hays Richards, R. J. Mellott.

### SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS.

Mrs. H. Barmont, Marie Bivens, Mrs. S. R. Cromer, Mrs. Samuel H. Pittman, Mrs. Wash D. Kelso, Mrs. C. S. Everhart, Mrs. Mary J. Kendall.

### CONTRIBUTORS.

Mrs. Elmer Glunt, 25 cents; Ed Keyser, 50 cents; Walter Cooper 50 cents.

Some nice apples were sold at Hancock last week for six dollars per barrel.

worn-out school-house with broken plaster, worn-out floor and no means for ventilation except the chinks made in the building by time.

Educational facilities advance little beyond educational sentiment. Patrons have largely the power in their own hands to create school sentiment, and for this reason have much to say as to whether or not their children shall sit in comfortable well-ventilated school buildings. I feel that the directors stand ready to do their part in this matter.

The school directors of McConnellsburg have increased the salaries of the entire corps of teachers for the ensuing year.

The C. L. S. C. organization of McConnellsburg has placed free of charge to the district, in the McConnellsburg High School library, at a cost of \$140 to the society, a new International Encyclopedia. The society has sufficient funds in the treasury with which it intends in the near future, to put in the same library Redpath's History of the World.

Each district in the county kept up its educational meetings throughout the entire term. These meetings were well attended by the teachers and patrons and were a means for creating educational sentiment and also helping the younger teachers to solve many of the complex problems which continually arise in all grades of school work.

The county institute held during the week of December 4th, was generally considered successful. The teachers showed remarkable interest during the entire week. The instructors were Dr. Harlan E. Hall, Cumberland, O., Dr. Ezra Lehman, Principal Cumberland Valley State Normal School, Dr. G. Philips, Principal State Normal, West Chester, Pa., Prof. Burnham, also from the West Chester State Normal, and Prof. L. B. Furry, Supervising Principal, Johnstown, Pa.

In conclusion I wish to extend sincere thanks to directors, teachers, and patrons, and also to the Department of Public Instruction, for valuable assistance during the school year which has just come to a close.

Since the above report was written, Governor Brumbaugh has signed the Minimum Salary Act thus removing in part one of the things complained of in this report.

J. EMERY THOMAS, County Supt.

## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.

Front Wheel Collapses While Rounding a Curve On Lincoln Highway On Ridge West Of Town.

Last Sunday afternoon about 1 o'clock, County Superintendent Thomas in his car, accompanied by his little daughter Geraldine, was horrified when he came to the Lincoln Highway at the curve on the Ridge west of McConnellsburg where the road leaves the Highway for the Meadowgrounds to find a wrecked Cadillac-8, and three men lying in the road in what seemed to be a dying condition. He hastened to McConnellsburg and sent Doctors Mosser and Robinson to the place of the wreck. The injured men were brought to town, received surgical attention and were taken to Hotel Harris, where one of the men died early Tuesday morning.

Joseph Hildebrandt, aged 49 years, proprietor of the Aurora Hotel, McKees Rocks, Pa., in his Cadillac-8 accompanied by Joseph Gastigar, of McKees Rock and Julius Steinwender, of North Side, Pittsburg, left home at 6 o'clock last Sunday morning for a trip to Boston, where Mr. Hildebrandt expected to meet his brother who belongs to the United States Navy. As they were rounding the curve at the Thomas-town road at a high rate of speed the outer front wheel of the machine not being able to withstand the strain, collapsed, with the result that the machine turned a complete summersault alighting right side up. It was Mr. Hildebrandt the driver that was most seriously hurt, and that died from his injuries. Mr. Gatigar's left leg was terribly mangled, and he was otherwise bruised. Mr. Steinwender, while painfully bruised about the face, escaped with the least injury, and was able to leave for home Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Hildebrandt reached McConnellsburg Tuesday noon. An automobile hearse came here from Pittsburgh Tuesday evening and took the remains to McKees Rocks, where the funeral will take place on Saturday.

Mr. Gastigar is at the Hotel Harris and will not be able to be removed until his leg heals.

While there are many sharp curves on the Lincoln Highway in Fulton county—not sharper nor more dangerous, than in other sections of the Lincoln Highway in the State—this is the first fatal automobile accident to be charged to the County.

With a traffic on the Lincoln Highway averaging a car for every minute and a half during much of the time, the great wonder is, that there are so few accidents.

### Had Narrow Escape.

From last week's Hancock News we learn that Clarence Daniels, Elmer Cain and Burton Weaver, three young men drafted from Hancock, who were on their way to Boonesboro to be examined, had a narrow escape from being killed Wednesday morning of last week when a W. M. passenger train struck the automobile in which they were riding, while crossing the tracks at the passenger station in Hagers-town. The men were badly cut and bruised about their bodies and the car was completely demolished. That their lives were saved is nothing short of miraculous.

### Rode To Fast.

One day last week, two men on a motorcycle came up the east side of Tuscarora mountain at such rapid gait that they could not make the curve in the Lincoln Highway a short distance west of Seylar's restaurant and they ran over the bank. One of the men left some of the skin of his nose on a rock, but that was about the extent of the damages.

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With the five days strenuous work last week, and the examination of 148 men called for military service, the local Exemption Board find it necessary to call at least 150 more of the 668 men drawn in this county. Beginning with Number 149 (Abner Shives) thirty men will appear before the board on Monday, the next thirty on Tuesday, and so on. It is very probable that some of those discharged last week will be called back, on account of changes in the regulations.

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The following classes of cases are within this ruling: "A WIFE AND CHILDREN "1. Where the parents or other relatives of the wife or the husband are able, ready, and willing to provide adequate support for her (and children, if any) during the absence of the husband. "2. Where the wife owns land which has produced income by the husband's labor, but which could with reasonable certainty be rented during his absence, to other persons so as to produce an adequate support. "3. Where there exists some arrangement by which the salary or wage of the husband is continued, in whole or in part, by third persons, being employers or insurers or others, and such portion of the salary or wage, either alone or with allotment of his soldier's pay or with other definite income, will furnish a reasonably adequate support."

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### Our Potato Crops.

According to Statistician L. H. Wible's monthly crop and livestock report, Fulton county's potato crop for this year will be a little more than one-fourth greater than the average. This relatively small addition should not be difficult to care for, and it is hoped that effort will be made to hold them out of the hands of speculators until the long delayed food control law can be put into effect. We predict that the United States will become a buyer of surplus necessities and those who gave away their potatoes to speculators at thirty-five cents a bushel will be sorry, or at least regret that they did not give their Uncle Sam first chance.

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### Two-Dollar Wheat.

Well can many of us remember when it did not pay to raise wheat in the East except to preserve the crop rotation and for the straw. However, during recent years, dollar wheat paid a little profit as long as the charges for farming remained lower than at present. The food control law recently signed by the President insures the farmer a minimum price of two dollars for all the wheat he can raise. He may get more, but he is guaranteed two dollars per bushel. This insures sufficient profits to encourage the growing of adequate war supplies of wheat. With the price fixed and overhead charges that go with farming today, two-dollar wheat will not greatly crowd other crops. Corn and grains for feeding will continue to be grown on even a larger scale than before the war.

## HINE MUSIC.

Hundreds of People Listen to Sacred Concert Given by Queen City Band Last Sunday.

Tuscarora Heights, 2240 feet above sea level, and situated on the Lincoln Highway, three and one-half miles east of McConnellsburg, has won the admiration of thousands of tourists for its clear bracing air so free from gases, smoke, dust, or other adulterants that must of necessity be inhaled in cities or towns; for its sparkling water filtered by nature through the great beds of pure white mountain sand, and for the great sweep of vision that carries you over four states and gives you an opportunity to look down on numerous mountains and view the beautiful intervening valleys.

Last Sunday by previous arrangement, the Queen City Band of Chambersburg, one of the finest musical organizations in the Cumberland valley, gave one of their delightful sacred concerts at the Smith restaurant about two hundred yards east of the summit, to an audience of about two thousand persons.

A visitor counted 212 automobiles on the ground at one time, but machines were coming and going all the time. Had the concert been given from the pavilion, the vast crowd would have been much better accommodated but as the Smith people had put up the money for the band, it was only right that they should have something to say about the place the concert should be given.

Notwithstanding the extended grade on each side of the mountain and the congested traffic on the roads, there were no serious accidents. H. A. Logue, signal engineer of the C. V. R. R. of Chambersburg, took his family and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Clark to the concert. While the band was playing and the rest of the party were out of the car, Mr. Logue thought it a good time to turn. He drove down the west side of the mountain a few hundred yards, and in attempting to make the turn the machine ran over the lower side of the road. He jumped to safety before it made the plunge. Fortunately a tree stopped it and it went but a car length off the road. It was pulled back, little damaged.

D. Allday, a neighbor of Mr. Logue heard of this mishap and with his daughter, Savilla, went to the scene to help. He stopped his new sedan car on a grade but the brakes did not hold, and the car began to move, towards the road edge. Seeing this Mr. Allday jumped in to save his daughter by applying the foot brake. He could not stop the car and it went over the side. He guided it into a tree and this stopped its plunge, after it had run about forty feet. One front wheel was broken and a fender mashed, but the two occupants were unhurt.

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